

MYSTERY TRIPS OF HALL PROSECUTOR AND WIDOW TO EUROPE UNDER FIRE

Four New Arrests Planned; Woman Spy Barricaded

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Oct. 4.—Satisfied they have closed up the four-year-old mystery surrounding the actual killing of the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, the state this afternoon turned its official attention to charges of wholesale bribery, intimidation of witnesses and general corruption.

As the prosecution's forces, headed by Senator Alexander Simpson, began this phase of the probe rumors of a sensational nature flew thick and fast.



Alex. Simpson



Henry Carpenter

One was that a prominent New Jersey politician had been responsible for halting the original investigation four years ago. Another was that the state intended to inquire fully into the trips abroad made by Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, widow of the slain rector, and one of the four under arrest for the murders, and Azariah Beekman, late prosecutor of Somerset county.

Mystery in Trips to Italy

Mrs. Hall went abroad for the first time after the crime on February 7, 1923. Her destination was Italy, where she remained for seven months. Fifteen days after she sailed Beekman, who has since died, left the country on a passport marked for Bermuda.

In February, 1924, the widow returned to Italy. Within a week



Mrs. Frances Hall



Mrs. Eleanor Mills

or ten days after that time, the prosecution has been informed, Beekman sailed for a port not yet determined.

It was admitted today that the death of Friday of Joseph E. Stryker, prosecutor of Middlesex county, which includes New Brunswick, home of the Halls and the Mills, had seriously handicapped the state. During the original investigation in 1922, Stryker co-operated with Beekman in the investigation.

Banker Quizzed Secretly

For the first time it became known today that Joseph H. Porter, New Brunswick banker, had been secretly questioned three weeks ago by men from the staff of Inspector John J. Underwood.

It had been rumored that the banker was one of the many persons reported to have been in De Russey's Lane, leading to the Phillips farm, the night the minister and his choir singer were killed there. It also was reported that he knew of payments Dr. Hall made to private detectives he employed.

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Hall Sleuth Freed



FELIX DI MARTINI (above, in center), private detective employed by Mrs. Hall, snapped as he was leaving Brooklyn Supreme Court yesterday. (Photo Graphic.)

'Five-Day Week' Slogan Of A. F. of L. Convention

DETROIT, Oct. 4 (By U. P.).—In an atmosphere unofficially dedicated to the five-day week in modern industry, the American Federation of Labor opened its forty-sixth annual convention here today.

Delegates representing a membership of 3,000,000 attended.

The five-day week is inevitable, President William Green of the Federation declared just before the convention opened. "Henry Ford has set the pace, and others must follow," he said.

It is unthinkable that labor should not profit in leisure by the big production and prosperity of this country's industries.

This move seems inevitable," he said, "because of the strain under which workers are placed in the modern system of production. The incessant roar of high speed machinery wears a man down mentally and physically to the point where he must have relief in proportion to the tax upon his endurance."

Such relief, Green asserted, worked equally to the advantage of

five-day week the president declined to say.

Official recognition of opposition to the labor movement in Detroit was given when President Green extended a personal invitation to employers of the city to "come and sit with us in our deliberations and see whether or not we compare favorably with any other group in society."

2 Months' Liberty, Appeal Hearing Won by Dwyer

William C. Dwyer, alleged "master mind" of a \$25,000,000 international rum ring, recently convicted and sentenced to two years in Atlanta, won two more months of liberty today by a decision of the United States Circuit Court, which dismissed the motion to have Dwyer sent to prison at once, because he failed to file papers for an appeal within the prescribed time limit.

The court set the first Monday in December, when the argument for a new trial will be heard.

The case of E. C. Cohron, reputed "pay-off man" of the rum ring, will be argued at the same time.



Henry Ford



William Green



Wm. C. Dwyer

Escort of Roaring Planes, Royal Salute of Bombs to Welcome Cardinals Home

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 4 (By U. P.).—All the noise making devices that can be found in this normally quiet city will be turned loose late today when Rogers Hornsby comes home with his National League champions, the St. Louis Cardinals.

The frenzy which came to St. Louis with realization of its first World's Series has been intensified by Sunday's game in New York, when the Cards shook off their nervousness and battered down the Yankees, 6 to 2.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this city will be the scene of the World's Series. Hornsby and his mates will arrive from New York this evening, and after the demonstration will retire to rest from the train journey before taking the field Tuesday.

Fleet of Planes

A fleet of airplanes will meet the train as it approaches East St. Louis, and will escort it across the Mississippi River.

Twelve bombs will be set off along the river front as the train wheels on to Missouri soil.

The Conquering Cardinals will be greeted first by Mayor Miller; then they will be taken to a string of waiting motor cars and the parade through the downtown district will start.

Immediately following a huge Cardinal banner of silk, Mayor Miller and Branch Rickey, vice-president of the Cardinals, will ride. The second automobile will carry Judge K. M. Landis, baseball commissioner, and the two league presidents—John Heydler and Ban B. Johnson.

Team in Nine Cars

Next will come nine motor cars carrying the Cardinal players themselves, with Hornsby riding in the last of the nine cars—a new and expensive sedan, which is to be presented to him by admiring fans.

Other automobiles, bearing the bat boys and wives of the players, will bring up the end of the parade.

Mounted police will escort the

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Sleuth's Trial Date Set for Oct. 20 in Donahue Gem Case

Noel C. Scaffa, private detective, charged with compounding a crime by buying back from "Sam Layton" for \$5,000 the \$685,000 gems of Mrs. Jessie Woolworth Donahue



which were stolen from the Plaza Hotel September 30, 1925, will go on trial October 20.

This announcement was made today by Assistant District Attorney Albert B. Unger. Scaffa has been out on bail for almost a year while the state apparently has rested its case.

The mysterious theft of the jewels by a "society sneak thief" while Mrs. Donahue was bathing was eclipsed in sensation by the mysterious return of the jewels.

REGISTER!

TO GIVE every voter an opportunity to register, the registration places will be open every day this week from 5 to 10.30 p. m. On Saturday the registration places will open at 7 a. m. and close at 10 p. m.

Shot Gun Sniper in Shack Gives Up After Long Siege

HUNTINGTON, L. I., Oct. 4.—An all night siege during which a number of shots were fired, today ended in the arrest of Joseph Solasky, aged caretaker of a farm at Half Hollows, after he had defied authorities from the shack he occupies.

Autoists speeding along the Motor Parkway yesterday afternoon passed through a rain of bullets which sprayed the thoroughfare and narrowly missed striking several persons. The matter was reported to state police and troopers discovered the shots were coming from Solasky's house, about a quarter of a mile away.

Troopers Surround House

A dozen state troopers surrounded the shack. As they moved toward it the barrel of a shotgun protruded through an open window. The next instant a volley of shot was sent flying at the officers, who returned the fire. Nobody was injured.

Throughout the night intermittent shots were sent back and forth. At dawn, Solasky, apparently realizing his predicament, walked from the shack. He offered no resistance to capture. His only explanation was that he had been drinking.

Later, Solasky was taken before Justice of the Peace John Deans and held without bail on a charge of first degree assault.

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